GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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STORAGE FACILITY IN WEST BENGAL
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the existing FCI storage facility in West Bengal;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the storage facility for the State in the Tenth Five Year Plan in view of the growing foodgrins production;

(c) if so, the details in this regard including the funds earmarked for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which the implementation of the proposal is likely to start?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): The total storage capacity in West Bengal available with Food Corporation of India as on 1.4.2002 is 10.44 lakh tonnes (Owned & Hired/Covered & CAP).

(b),(c)&(d): Under the Annual Plan 2002-2003, the Central Warehousing Corporation proposes to construct 0.20 lakh MT. storage capacity at Panihati in West Bengal. The cost of construction including the cost of land for this centre is approximately Rs.7.5 Crore.

FCI has invited tenders for creation of a capacity of 10,000 MT, at Midnapore in West Bengal under `Build Own and Operate` (BOO) scheme through private participation in development and operation of conventional godowns.

Hoogly Centre in West Bengal has also been identified for creation of bulk foodgrainsstorage and transport facilities under `BOO` scheme.